

SENATE BILL 1339
By Wilder

AN ACT to designate a bridge on State Route 224 in McNairy County as the "Glidewell-Williams Memorial Bridge."

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary citizens who made the ultimate sacrifice in contributing to the growth and prosperity of their communities; and

WHEREAS, while helping to build a new bridge at Owl Creek Cove on what is now State Route 224 in McNairy County in 1923, Tolbert Williams, Jess G. Glidewell and Glen Glidewell tragically lost their lives in a construction accident, while two other men narrowly escaped death; and

WHEREAS, these three fine gentleman and their immense sacrifice in service of their fellow citizens is still vividly remembered and greatly revered by McNairy Countians today; and

WHEREAS, the Williams and Glidewell families and the McNairy County Board of Commissioners have petitioned this Body to designate the aforementioned bridge as the "Glidewell-Williams Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to these three exceptional men and their tremendous sacrifice for progress and prosperity, which still reverberates throughout the Volunteer State and continues to inspire us today; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal;
now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge at Owl Creek Cove on State Route 224 between Stantonville and Michie in McNairy County is hereby designated as the "Glidewell-Williams Memorial Bridge" to commemorate the worthy lives and heroic sacrifice of the late Tolbert Williams, Jess G. Glidewell and Glen Glidewell.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Glidewell-Williams Memorial Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs or markers shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.